

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION Washington, DC 20463

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RE: MUR 5304

**Dennis Cardoza** 

Cardoza for Congress and Gregory Ray

Olzack, as treasurer

Friends of Dennis Cardoza and Cathy

Paskin, as treasurer

Dear Ms. Fishburn:

On October 2, 2002, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients, Representative Dennis Cardoza, Cardoza for Congress and Gregory Ray Olzack, as treasurer, and Friends of Dennis Cardoza and Cathy Paskin, as treasurer, of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 ("the Act"), as amended. On January 26, 2004, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint and information provided by your clients, that there is no reason to believe Representative Dennis Cardoza violated any provision of the Act or the Commission's regulations; Cardoza for Congress and Gregory Ray Olzack, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) or 441f; or Friends of Dennis Cardoza and Cathy Paskin, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a) or 441f.

On the same date, the Commission found reason to believe that Friends of Dennis Cardoza and Cathy Paskin, as treasurer, and Cardoza for Congress and Gregory Ray Olzack, as treasurer, violated 11 C.F.R. § 110.3(d), which bans transfers from a candidate's campaign committee for a nonfederal election to the candidate's campaign committee for a federal election, because Friends of Dennis Cardoza made a \$1,000 contribution to Cardoza for Congress on February 27, 2002. However, after considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission determined to take no further action against Friends of Dennis Cardoza and Cathy Paskin, as treasurer, and Cardoza for Congress and Gregory Ray Olzack, as treasurer, and closed its file in this matter. The Commission reminds your clients that 11 C.F.R. § 110.3(d) bans transfers from a candidate's campaign committee for a nonfederal election to the candidate's campaign committee for a federal election. Your clients should take steps to ensure that this activity does not occur in the future.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Heilizer, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1598.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton General Counsel

BY:

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for Enforcement

**Enclosure** 

General Counsel's Report